

Making a SNAP decision for safer neighborhoods

SNAP is a new command-sponsored program in the 80th Area Support Group. The main goal of the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program is to make the community more aware of their environment and local threats in order to reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime or terrorism.

The program encourages neighbors to get to know one another. SNAP is partly based on the concept that if you know your neighbors, and they know you, you can better and more quickly report suspicious activity.

SNAP has programs to teach you how to observe situations correctly, recognize suspicious activity, and provides you with contact numbers. SNAP also teaches crime prevention and anti-terrorism tactics that can take the mystery out of crime and reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

SNAP programs vary from creating a Vacation Watch to after-school programs for DODDS students. For these programs and SNAP to be successful, though, you must play a role. If you are interested in being involved in any SNAP activities, or would just like some more information, please contact the 80th ASG SNAP Coordinator, Marcia A. DeVille, at DSN 361-6143 or CIV 068-27-6143, or e-mail her at Marcia.DeVille@benelux.army.mil.

Things to watch for

- Any item or person that is unusual or out of place
- Persons appearing to hide their activity
- A stranger taking pictures
- Pieces of trash or markings found in yards or lawns
- A stranger looking into windows or cars
- A stranger asking detailed questions
- Persons appearing to hide their activity
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Vehicles moving slowly with no lights
- Vandalism, to include graffiti, broken windows, doors
- Numerous phone calls with no one on the line
- Abandoned cars
- Unusual noises
- Someone appearing to be in distress or danger

Report the above suspicious activity or other suspect acts to your local MP/SP or local national law enforcement authorities:

**Chievres MP Emergency 068-27-5114
Chievres MP Station 068-27-5301
SNAP Safety Hotline 068-27-6300
SHAPE Federal Police 065-44-3334
Emergency 101**

Reporting suspicious activity

- Give your name and address (this can be optional)
- Briefly describe the event: what happened, when, where, and who was involved
- Describe the suspect: sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, and distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, tattoos, scars, or accent
- Describe vehicle if one is involved: **license plate**, color, make, model, year, and special features such as stickers, dents, decals, rims, or decals

Remember to report the 4Ws

Who, what, when, and where.

P.A.U.S.E. to prevent crime by:

Being **Prepared**- always have a plan, know what you will do if you are a victim of a crime

Alert- know what is going on in the area around you, and be conscious of the environment

Unpredictable- vary your schedule to keep the criminal or terrorist guessing as to what you will be doing next

Secure- make sure doors and windows are locked

Exercise Caution- always take safety precautions, and don't take unnecessary risks

Find out more about SNAP by contacting your local
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How to protect yourself against crime and terrorism



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